(b) what is the break-up of such subsidy, nitrogen, phosphate and potash-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) At present, only the manufacturers of straight nitrogenous fertilizers, namely, urea, ammonium sulphate, ammonium chloride and calcium ammonium nitrate are covered under the Retention Price-cum-Subsidy Scheme. A provision of Rs. 3,000 crores has been made in the budget for 1993-94 for payment of subsidy to the fertilizer manufacturing units

Fertiliser Agencies in Gujarat

*4. SHRI GOPALSINGH G. SOLANKI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the fertiliser agencies working in Gujarat as on 31st May, 1993 ;

(b) what is the number of those agencies which are working under the cooperative societies ; and

(c) what are the details of future programmes of Government to sanction new agencies for distribution of materials as required by the Public in view of the demand and supply ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO):

(a) to (c) The Government of India neither appoints nor maintains information regarding fertilizer agencies operating in a State. However, as per information furnished by the Government of Gujarat, the following agencies were working in the State as on 31-5-1993 :

(i) Gujarat State Co-operative Marketing Federation Ltd.,

(ii) Gujarat Co-operatve Oilseeds Growers Federation Ltd.,

(iii) Gujarat State Co-op. Cotton Federation Ltd.

(iv) Gujarat Co-op. Grain Federation Limited.

(v) Gujarat Co-op. Tobacco Federation Ltd.

(vi) Gujarat Co-op. Onion Growers Union Ltd.

(vii) Fruit and Vegetables Co-op. Federation Ltd.

(viii) Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation Ltd.

(ix) Fertiliser Company Depots of GSFC & GNFC.

In addition to these agencies, private trade channels also operate in the State. Agencies listed at Serial numbers (i) to (vii) are in the Co-operative sector.

The distribution network of the above mentioned agencies and the private trade comprises 11932 sale points.

According to the State Government, the existing agencies are in a position to handle the supply of fertilizers in the State as per requirements and there is no need to add more agencies at present. The State Government, however, proposes to have 400 additional sale points during 1993-94.

Irrigularities in relation to Drug Prices

*5. SHRI ANANTRAM JAISWAL :

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several bulk drugs which do not fulfil the exclusion criteria are outside the price control ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no review of the list of drugs which are outside price control has taken place during the last three years ;

(c) whether it is a fact that producers are charging exorbitant prices and are also resorting to over-invoicing of prices ;

(d) the reasons for which the policy parameters of 1987 Drug Policy have been abandoned ;

(e) whether it is a fact that Government are deliberately refusing to act to benefit the producers ; and

(f) what was the whole-sale price index of medicines in 1986-87 and what it is now and what are the drugs and medicines covered under whole-sale price index at present ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (e) The issues pertaining to exclusion/inclusion of drugs and other related matters have already been discussed on 18th, 19th and 23rd August 1993 in the House. Based thereon, the exercise regarding Review of Drug Policy 1986 is now in an advanced stage of finalisation and final decisions are expected to be taken soon.

(f) Whole-sale price index of Drugs & Medicines as on 13-11-1993 are as under (Base 1981-82 = 100).

	Year 1986	Year 1993 (as on 13-11-93)	%Increase
Drugs & Medicines	121.1	186.50	54.00

The list of Drugs and Medicines covered under the Whole-sale Price Index is enclosed in the statement

Statement

Drugs & Medicines

Vitamin tablets
(A, B, C, D & Others)
Vitamin capsules
Vitamin liquids
Chloramphenicol
Penicillin (Vials, tablets & other pdts.)
Streptomycin (Vials & other products)
Tetracyclin (In capsules vials & others)
Powders/granules other than vitamin)
Liquid oral other than vitamin
Liquid injectable other than vitamin
Capsule other than
Vitamin & antibiotics
Tablets except vitamin
& penicillin
Ointments
Syrup
Drugs & Pharmaceuticals
n.e.c.
Ayurvedic Medicines liquid

Proposals for Development of Trivandrum International Airport

*6. SHRI M. A. BABY : Will the MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the proposals being considered for the development of Trivandrum International Airport to international standards and the financial allocation for the same and the time-frame for the completion of each scheme ;

(b) the present state of the Nedempasserry Airport construction at Ernakulam district and the details regarding financial resources for the project from various sources ; and

(c) the proposals for the improvement and development of Calicut airport and the allocation being made by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Development of the International Airport at Trivandrum is a continuing process and is taken up in a phased manner, depending upon projected requirements and availability of resources.